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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: FONMIN AGUSTSSON'S

VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REFERENCE: REYKJAVIK 1106

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE FONMIN AGUSTSSON COME TO WASHINGTON OCTOBER 3-4 TO INITIATE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE. WE ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS ON OCTOBER 3 FOR AGUSTSSON TO CALL ON SECDEF SCHLESINGER AND ADMIRAL ZUMWALT. ON OCTOBER 4, WE ARE SETTING UP A MEETING AT WHICH DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH AND UNDER SECRETARY PORTER WOULD RECEIVE AGUSTSSON TOGETHER, FOLLOWING WHICH THE LATTER WOULD TAKE AGUSTSSON TO HIS OFFICE FOR THE FORMAL KICKOFF OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. WE ARE READY TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO CINCLANT NORFOLK FOR AGUSTSSON IF HE REALLY WISHES IT, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE HE IS
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ALREADY WELL AWARE OF CINCLANT'S VIEWS ON THE IDF'S

IMPORTANCE TO NATO.

3. UNDER SECRETARY PORTER WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATING SESSIONS TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. WE ARE THEREFORE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT WHO AGUSTSSON WOULD WANT TO HAVE WITH HIM FOR THE FIRST SESSION. RUSH

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